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FCC TO ACCEPT APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2022 ATTORNEY HONORS PROGRAM

Application Window Runs from September 24 to November 1, 2021; Submit Applications via USAJOBS

WASHINGTON, September 24, 2021 – The Federal Communications Commission today announced that it will begin accepting applications from graduating law students and current judicial clerks for its Fall 2022 Attorney Honors Program. The application window opens on Friday, September 24, 2021, and closes on Monday, November 1, 2021.

For the Fall 2022 application cycle, the FCC is piloting the use of online applications for the Attorney Honors Program. As explained below, applications must be submitted using the FCCJobs web based recruitment system, which integrates with the Office of Personnel Management's USAJOBS website.

The Attorney Honors Program is the FCC's primary vehicle for hiring entry-level attorneys. Attorneys at the FCC work on cutting-edge legal and policy issues in the communications and technology arenas. They advance access to communications that are essential for all Americans, including Americans with disabilities, to work remotely, learn remotely, receive healthcare, and engage in commerce; pave the way for a 5G future and advance rural broadband; protect the rights of consumers; review major mergers and acquisitions; and promote public safety.

Attorney Honors Program participants serve in a two-year employment and training program designed to introduce them to the field of communications law and policy and to provide a wide variety of learning experiences. The FCC encourages law students in their final year of study and current judicial clerks with superior academic credentials and an interest in public service and communications law to apply for the Fall 2022 class. Applications must be *received* by 11:59 p.m. EST on November 1, 2021. The deadline for other main U.S. time zones is: 10:59 p.m. Central Time, 9:59 p.m. Mountain Time, and 8:59 p.m. Pacific Time. Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.

Selection for the Honors Program is highly competitive. Before making a selection, the FCC reviews many facets of a candidate's background, including academic achievement, writing skills, law review and/or moot court experience, clinic or extracurricular activities, and interest in government service and/or the communications industry.

Depending on experience, interested persons should apply via USAJOBS to either Vacancy Announcement HonorsAtty-OGC-2021-001 (for graduating law students) or HonorsAtty-OGC-2021-002 (for current judicial clerks). Submission of the following documents is required for consideration: a cover letter, resume, official or unofficial law school transcript, writing sample (of not more than 15 pages), and a list of three professional references. Please submit these documents as separate attachments to your online application.

We welcome input from applicants on this online application pilot. Feedback should be sent to Honors.Program@fcc.gov with "AHP Feedback" in the subject line.

For further information, please visit the Honors Program webpage at www.fcc.gov/attorneyhonorsprogram. You may also contact Shannon Hyatt, Office of General Counsel, at Shannon.Hyatt@fcc.gov.